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1. In April 1953 a total of 33,097,041 kg of various goods was transported into and out of Czechoslovakia via the border stations Larchegg (P49/S70) and Devinska Nová Ves (P49/X89). Of this quantity 29,398,050 kg were shipped into Czechoslovakia and 3,698,991 kg out of Czechoslovakia.¹ The following goods were involved:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Metals | 288,537kg, of this | 288,537kg in | 15 carloads |
| Finished metal goods | 74,698kg, of this | 74,498kg in | 9 carloads |
| Chemicals & technical materials | 1,907,178kg, of this | 1,907,178kg in | 162 carloads |
| Liquid fuels | 26,680,974kg, of this | 26,680,974kg in | 1,354 carloads |
| Lumber | 1,551,485kg, of this | 1,551,485kg in | 96 carloads |
| Textile goods and raw materials | 350,514kg, of this | 350,514kg in | 46 carloads |
| Food items | 1,938,104kg, of this | 1,938,104kg in | 146 carloads |
| Miscellaneous goods | 306,292kg, of this | 306,292kg in | 28 carloads |
| Total | 33,097,782kg, of this | 33,097,041kg in | 1,856 carloads |

2. Of the 29,398,791 kg shipped into Czechoslovakia via Larchegg/Devinska Nová Ves in April 1953, imports to Czechoslovakia amounted to 1,894,319 kg. Of the remainder, 288,537 kg went in transit to Hungary and 26,680,974 kg to Poland or via Poland to the USSR. The following goods were concerned:

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| Metals | 288,537kg, of this | 288,537kg in | 15 carloads |
| Finished metal goods | 62,055kg, of this | 61,845kg in | 7 carloads |
| Chemicals & technical materials | 436,027kg, of this | 436,027kg in | 27 carloads |
| Liquid fuels | 26,680,974kg, of this | 26,680,974kg in | 1,354 carloads |
| Textile goods and raw materials | 333,780kg, of this | 333,780kg in | 44 carloads |
| Food items | 1,532,730kg, of this | 1,532,730kg in | 121 carloads |
| Miscellaneous goods | 14,683kg, of this | 14,157kg in | 3 carloads |
| Total | 29,398,791kg, of this | 29,398,050kg in | 1,851 carloads |

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These goods were imported from the following countries:²

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| Austria ³ | 1,896,580 kg, of this | 1,896,370 kg in | 134 carloads |
| Soviet Army in Austria | 26,680,974 kg, of this | 26,680,974 kg in | 1,354 carloads |
| Italy | 736,102 kg, of this | 735,571 kg in | 77 carloads |
| Switzerland | <u>85,135 kg, of this</u> | <u>85,135 kg in</u> | <u>6 carloads</u> |
| Total | 29,398,791 kg, of this | 29,398,050 kg in | 1,571 carloads |

3. Imports to Czechoslovakia. The 1,894,319 kg of imports to Czechoslovakia were broken down as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Finished metal goods | 42,374 kg, of this | 41,174 kg in | 5 carloads |
| Chemical products | 80,327 kg, of this | 80,327 kg in | 6 carloads |
| Textile raw materials | 323,635 kg, of this | 323,635 kg in | 43 carloads |
| Food items | 1,433,295 kg, of this | 1,433,295 kg in | 111 carloads |
| Miscellaneous goods | 14,688 kg, of this | 14,157 kg in | 3 carloads |
| Total | 1,894,319 kg, of this | 1,893,578 kg in | 168 carloads |

The following goods were imported:

a. Finished Metal Goods 42,374 kg

of which came from

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| Austria | 41,174 kg |
| Italy | 1,200 kg |

- (1) Parts of RR Freight Cars 210 kg
Dispatch station: Strasshof (P49/S50)
Destination: Trnava & P49/T22)
- (2) Pair of Wheels⁵ 1,200 kg
transported in one RR freight car
Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Trnava
- (3) Assembling Tools 2,844 kg
transported in one RR freight car
Dispatch station: Vienna X, Ostbahnhof
Destination: Cierna nad Tisou (P49/E90)⁶
- (4) Ironware 36,763 kg
29 parcels contained in two RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Vienna II, Praterkai
Destination: Topolcany (P49/T64)
- (5) Umbrella Struts (Sahirmschienen) 1,357 kg
10 boxes contained in one RR freight car
Dispatch station: Vienna XV, Westbahnhof
Destination: Bratislava, station unspecified

b. Chemical Products 80,327 kg
of which came from Austria

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| Switzerland | 5,337 kg |
| | 74,990 kg |

- (1) Synthetic Urea 70,990 kg
contained in five RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Bucha-St. Gallen
Destination: Zilina (C50/O92)
- (2) Unspecified Chemicals 5,337 kg
contained in one RR freight car
Dispatch station: Arnoldstein, Carinthia
Destination: Devinska Nova Ves

c. Textile Raw Materials 323,635 kg

of which came from

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| Austria | 7,091 kg |
| Italy | 316,544 kg |

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(1) Raw Cotton 316,544 kg
1,516 bales transported in 41 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Rybar Pole (Q50/399)

(2) Rayon Clip 2,082 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna II, Nordbahnhof
Destination: Zilina

(3) Cotton Textures 5,009 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna X, Ostbahnhof
Destination: Devinska Nová Ves

d. Food Items 1,433,295 kg

of which came from Austria 1,040,302 kg
Italy 392,993 kg

(1) Lemons 1,040,302 kg
transported in 79 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Vienna X, Matzleinsdorf 774,832 kg
Arnoldstein, Carinthia 65,470 kg
Tarvisio, Italy 363,493 kg
Destination: Devinska Nová Ves

(2) Cauliflower 29,400 kg
transported in four RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Tarvisio
Destination: Devinska Nová Ves

e. Miscellaneous Goods 14,688 kg

of which came from Austria 694 kg
Italy 13,994 kg

(1) Hempseed 7,421 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Nitra (P49/T62)

(2) Personal Belongings 531 kg
contained in nine parcels

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Čierna nad Tisou⁶

(3) Empty Bags 5,972 kg
293 parcels shipped in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Trnava

(4) Empty Wooden Cases 694 kg
66 pieces contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna XV, Westbahnhof
Destination: Bratislava

4. Imports to Hungary. The total of 812,127 kg of goods shipped in transit via Devinska Nová Ves to Hungary, consisted of the following items:

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| Metals | 288,537 kg in 15 carloads |
| Finished metal goods | 8,310 kg in 1 carload |
| Technical materials | 355,700 kg in 21 carloads |
| Textile materials | 10,145 kg in 1 carload |
| Food items | 149,435 kg in 10 carloads |
| Total | 812,127 kg in 48 carloads |

Of this quantity 801,982 kg came from Austria, and 10,145 kg from Switzerland.
The following goods were shipped:

a. Metals 288,537 kg

the total quantity coming from Austria

(1) Puddle Bar Iron (Roheisen in Ziegeln) 121,500 kg
transported in six RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Linz (N49/V88), Upper Austria
Destination: Bánréve (R49/D50)

(2) Steel in Rods 65,821 kg
contained in 1,282 bundles, transported in four
RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Mürzzuschlag (048/W92), Styria
Destination: Bánréve

(3) Rolled Steel Wire (Stahlwalzdraht) 101,216 kg
1,521 rings contained in five RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Donawitz (048/B59), Styria
Destination: Bánréve

b. Finished Metal Goods: Electric Material 8,310 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna XX, Nordwestbahnhof
Destination: Szatlinváros

c. Technical Materials: Magnesite Bricks 355,700 kg
contained in 21 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Ferndorf, Carinthia 265,200 kg
Trieben(048/B09) 90,500 kg
Destination: Ozd (Q49/J59) 167,100 kg
Diósgyör (R49/J87) 87,600 kg
Szatlinváros 101,000 kg

d. Textile Materials: Woolen Rags 10,145 kg
shipped in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Buchs-St.Gallen, Switzerland
Destination: Szob (Q48/H46)

e. Food Items: Pealed Millet 149,435 kg
contained in 10 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Vienna, Ostbahnhof
Destination: Szob 104,655 kg
Bánréve 44,780 kg

5. Imports to Poland. The 26,692,345 kg shipped via Devinska Nová Ves to Poland consisted of 11,371 kg of finished metal goods, contained in one RR freight car, and 26,680,974 kg of liquid fuels, contained in 1,355 RR tank cars the capacity of which ranged between 9,000 and 45,000 kg. The metal goods were imported from Italy, the fuels were delivered by the Soviet Oil Administration in Austria.

a. Finished Metal Goods: Machine Parts 11,371 kg

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Zebrzydowice (Q50/079)

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| b. | <u>Liquid Fuels</u> | 26,680,974 kg |
| (1) | <u>Crude Oil</u> contained in 1,054 RR tank cars | 17,007,584 kg |
| | Dispatch station: Trzebinia (051/Y95) Jedlicze (R50/Z64) | 16,007,394 kg (989 carloads) 1,000,190 kg (66 carloads) |
| (2) | <u>Gas Oil</u> contained in 137 RR tank cars | 4,456,700 kg |
| | Dispatch station: Lohau-Harbor Koosbierbaum (049/S00) | 4,147,050 kg (121 carloads) 309,650 kg (16 carloads) |
| | Destination: Stawecice (coord. ukn.) Ustrzyki Dolne USSR Wrocław (P52/G/1) | 2,892,860 kg (85 carloads) 1,126,010 kg (32 carloads) 367,830 kg (20 carloads) |
| (3) | <u>Petroleum</u> contained in 93 RR tank cars | 2,749,020 kg |
| | Dispatch station: Lohau-Harbor Destination: Bjarawa (coord. ukn.) | |
| (4) | <u>Gasoline</u> contained in 80 RR tank cars | 2,467,670 kg |
| | Dispatch station: Lohau-Harbor Koosbierbaum | 1,417,500 kg (45 carloads) 1,050,170 kg (35 carloads) |
| | Destination: Warszawa Limanowa (R50/Y85) Kozle (P51/X98) | 1,050,170 kg (35 carloads) 721,070 kg (19 carloads) 696,430 kg (26 carloads) |

6. Apart from the above shipments of goods, 17 empty tank cars - partly earmarked for repair, partly for refilling - crossed the Slovak border from Marchegg to Devinska Nová Ves:

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| from Lohau-Harbor | to Dzednice (Z50/X89) | 5 cars |
| Tarvisio, Italy | Poznan, Poland | 6 cars |
| Tarvisio, Italy | Jedlicze | 3 cars |
| Lohau-Harbor | Czarnolesie, Poland | 1 car |
| Lohau-Harbor | Bucov, Poland | 1 car |
| Lohau-Harbor | Wiersle Wielkie | 1 car |
| | (E50/T09) | |

7. Of the 3,698,991 kg shipped out of Czechoslovakia via Devinska Nová Ves/Marchegg in April 1953, 3,553,490 kg were exports from Czechoslovakia. The remainder of 145,501 kg came from Hungary. The following goods were involved:

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| Finished metal goods | 12,643 kg in 2 carloads |
| Chemical products | 1,471,151 kg in 135 carloads |
| Leather | 1,551,485 kg in 96 carloads |
| Textile goods | 16,734 kg in 2 carloads |
| Food items | 355,374 kg in 25 carloads |
| Miscellaneous goods | 221,604 kg in 25 carloads |
| Total | 3,698,991 kg in 285 carloads |

These goods were consigned to the following countries:

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| Austria | 317,890 kg in 25 carloads |
| Switzerland | 639,580 kg in 45 carloads |
| Italy | 1,710,964 kg in 147 carloads |
| Trieste | 1,000,557 kg in 65 carloads |
| Unknown | 30,000 kg in 3 carloads |
| Total | 3,698,991 kg in 285 carloads |

8. Exports from Czechoslovakia. The 3,553,490 kg exported from Czechoslovakia were made up of the following items:

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| Finished metal goods | 12,643 kg in | 2 carloads |
| Chemical products | 1,360,090 kg in | 128 carloads |
| Textile goods | 16,734 kg in | 2 carloads |
| Lumber | 1,551,485 kg in | 96 carloads |
| Food items | 330,108 kg in | 23 carloads |
| Miscellaneous goods | 222,430 kg in | 24 carloads |
| Total | 3,553,490 kg in | 275 carloads |

These goods were consigned to the following countries:

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|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Austria | 236,829 kg in | 20 carloads |
| Switzerland | 575,140 kg in | 40 carloads |
| Italy | 1,710,964 kg in | 147 carloads |
| Trieste | 1,000,557 kg in | 65 carloads |
| Unknown | 30,000 kg in | 3 carloads |
| Total | 3,553,490 kg in | 275 carloads |

The following goods were exported:

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| a. <u>Finished Metal Goods</u> | 12,643 kg |
| (1) <u>Pair of Wheels</u> ⁵ | 1,200 kg |
| contained in one RR freight car | |
| Dispatch station: Trnava | |
| Destination: Tarvisio | |
| (2) <u>Enameled Castiron Tubs</u> | 11,443 kg |
| contained in one RR freight car | |
| Dispatch station: Bratislava, station unspecified | |
| Destination: Punto Franco Porto Vecchio, Trieste | |
| b. <u>Chemical Products</u> | 1,360,090 kg |
| contained in 128 RR freight cars | |
| Consigned to Austria | 55,000 kg |
| Switzerland | 140,000 kg |
| Italy | 1,135,090 kg |
| Unknown | 30,000 kg |
| (1) <u>Calcined Magnesia</u> | 510,000 kg |
| contained in 47 RR freight cars | |
| Dispatch station: Jelšava (Q49/054) | |
| Destination: Pontebba, Italy | |
| (2) <u>Charcoal</u> | 592,700 kg |
| contained in 70 RR freight cars | |
| Dispatch station: Andětka (Q49/D33) | |
| Destination: Pontebba, Italy | 572,700 kg (58 carloads) |
| Duchs, Switzerland | 50,000 kg (5 carloads) |
| Vienna XXL | |
| Floridsdorf | 40,000 kg (4 carloads) |
| Konkordiahütte (sic) | 30,000 kg (3 carloads) |
| (3) <u>Cellulose</u> | 37,300 kg |
| contained in two RR freight cars | |
| Dispatch station: Martin (Q49/C27) | |
| Destination: Tarvisio, Italy | |
| (4) <u>Coal Tax</u> | 15,000 kg |
| contained in one RR freight car | |
| Dispatch station: Hrušta | |
| Destination: Genova, Italy | |

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(5) Dried Starch 90,000 kg
 contained in six RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Boljaz²⁵ (P49/T13)
 Destination: Au bei Zürich, Switzerland

(6) Bleaching Agent in Powder Form 15,000 kg
 contained in two RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Bratislava, station unspecified
 Destination: Linz an der Donau 5,000 kg
 Vienna-Floridsdorf 10,000 kg

c. Lumber 1,551,485 kg
 contained in 96 RR freight cars

(1) Cut Lumber 1,439,175 kg
 shipped in 89 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: numerous stations in Slovakia
 Destination: P. Franco Porto Vecchio Trieste 857,350 kg (52 carloads)
 Pontebba, Italy 552,025 kg (35 carloads)
 St. Margarethen, Switzerland 29,800 kg (2 carloads)

(2) Beechwood Chips 112,310 kg
 shipped in seven RR freight cars

Dispatch station: various stations in Slovakia
 Destination: St. Margarethen

d. Textile Goods: Cotton Fabrics 16,737 kg
 contained in two RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Devinska Nová Ves
 Destination: P. Franco Porto Vecchio
 Trieste
 Vienna X, Matzleinsdorf 11,725 kg
 5,009 kg

e. Food Items 330,108 kg
 contained in 23 RR freight cars

(1) Fresh Vegetables 12,140 kg
 contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Košice (R49/E34)
 Destination: Vienna XX, Nordwestbahnhof

(2) Malt 289,680 kg
 contained in 19 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Trnava
 Destination: Buchs-St. Gallen

(3) Sheep Cheese 13,088 kg
 contained in two RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Zvolen (Q49/C74) 6,129 kg
 Viglaš (Q49/C83) 6,959 kg
 Destination: Vienna X, Ostbahnhof

(4) Dried Egg Yolks 15,200 kg
 contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Cifer (P49/T21)
 Destination: Tarvisio, Italy

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f. Miscellaneous Goods contained in 24 RR freight cars 282,430 kg

Consigned to:

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| Austria | 151,592 kg |
| Switzerland | 3,350 kg |
| Italy | 7,449 kg |
| Trieste | 120,039 kg |

(1) Plain Glass contained in eight RR freight cars 137,709 kg

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| Dispatch station: | Citice (N51/P47) | 120,369 kg (7 carloads) |
| | Olovi (N51/P49) | 17,340 kg (1 carload) |
| Destination: | Vienna, Ostbahnhof | |

(2) Hollow Glassware contained in six RR freight cars 33,510 kg

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| Dispatch station: | Lednické Rovné (P50/060) | 19,848 kg |
| | Utekáč (Q49/D24) | 7,449 kg |
| | Strieborná (Q49/D02) | 6,213 kg |
| Destination: | Vienna, station unsp.13,883 kg | |
| | Trieste, P.I.P.V. ²⁰ | 3,826 kg |
| | Milano, Italy | 7,449 kg |
| | Zürich, Switzerland | 3,350 kg |

(3) Paper contained in 10 RR freight cars 111,211 kg

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| Dispatch station: | Bratislava, Južné výdražie |
| Destination: | Trieste, P.I.P.V. |

9. Exports from Hungary. The 145,501 kg shipped in transit via Czechoslovakia from Hungary to Austria, were broken down as follows:

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Minerals and chemicals | 111,061 kg in 7 carloads |
| Food items | 25,266 kg in 2 carloads |
| Miscellaneous goods | 9,174 kg in 1 carload |
| Total | 145,501 kg in 10 carloads |

Of this quantity 81,061 kg were consigned to Austria and 64,440 kg to Switzerland. The following goods were exported:

g. Minerals and Chemicals contained in seven RR freight cars 111,061 kg

(1) Saltmeter shipped in one RR freight car 21,061 kg

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| Dispatch station: | Nagyterénny (coord.ukn.) |
| Destination: | Innsbruck (V48/E70), Tyrol |

(2) Sabadic Acid shipped in four RR freight cars 60,000 kg

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| Dispatch station: | Budapest-Rákospalota |
| Destination: | Arnoldsteir |

(3) Wheat Starch shipped in two RR freight cars 30,000 kg

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| Dispatch station: | Budapest |
| Destination: | Duchs-St.Gallen, Switzerland |

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- b. Food Items: Dried Peas contained in two RR freight cars 25,266 kg
- Dispatch station: Budapest
Destination: Sr.Margarethen, Switzerland
- c. Miscellaneous Goods: Collective Consignments contained in one RR freight car 9,174 kg
- Dispatch station: Budapest
Destination: Buchs-St.Gallen

10. Apart from the above shipments of goods, 1,516 empty tank cars, returning from Poland and Czechoslovakia to Austria to be refilled, passed the border stations of Devinska Ves/Marchegg during April 1953. These cars were dispatched from the following stations:

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| Poland: | Trzebinia | 1,096 cars |
| | Wrocław | 136 cars |
| | Nowa Sol | 66 cars |
| | Garnolesie | 54 cars |
| | Rzepawa | 34 cars |
| | Slawecice | 30 cars |
| | Ołkcie | 23 cars |
| | Gródk | 22 cars |
| | Kozle | 21 cars |
| | Kluczbork | 14 cars |
| | Limanowa | 10 cars |
| | Chalupki | 2 cars |
| | Swojce | 1 car |
| Czechoslovakia: | Štúrovo | 3 cars |
| | Bratislava | 2 cars |
| | Brno | 1 car |
| Hungary: | Budapest | 1 car |

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. West-East shipments to Czechoslovakia via Marchegg dropped to about the February level in April 1953. The volume of East-West shipments during the same period was cut about one third.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The name of the country in which the dispatch station of a shipment is located does not necessarily mean the place of production.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The percentage of USA products is unknown.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. In Trnava there are large repair shops and material depots of the Czechoslovak State Railroads.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. This pair of wheels (judging by the weight probably locomotive wheels) crossed the border at Marchegg on 19 April 1953. Another pair of such wheels was shipped from Trnava to Tarvisio two weeks earlier, crossing the border on 3 April. It may be assumed that the latter pair was sent to Italy for repair or exchange.

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably in transit to the USSR, Čierne nad Tisou (formerly Čierna pri Čope) is the border station on the RR line Košice-Berehovo (Ukraine).

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